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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend specification paragraph 0041 within the Application as hereinafter indicated.

[0041] Various other vehicle and occupant sensors may be coupled to the controller 16 for determining whether to perform the various safety system tasks. The sensors may include a velocity sensor 28, a transmission gear sensor ~~[[30]]~~ 32, occupant sensors ~~[[32]]~~ 30, as shown, or other sensors known in the art. The velocity sensor 28 may be utilized to determine the relative range rate of an object. The transmission gear sensor ~~[[30]]~~ 32 may be utilized to determine the traveling direction of the vehicle 12. The occupant sensors ~~[[32]]~~ 30 may be utilized to identify and determine occupant characteristics, such as the size and position of an occupant within the vehicle 12.